

Regulatory Language

Section 1.39, Title 14, CCR, is added to read:

1.39. Coastal Pelagic Species.

Coastal pelagic species means any of the following: northern anchovy (*Engraulis mordax*), Pacific sardine (*Sardinops sagax*), Pacific mackerel (*Scomber japonicus*), jack mackerel (*Trachurus symmetricus*), and market squid (*Loligo opalescens*).

NOTE:

Authority: Section 205, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, and 215, Fish and Game Code.

Section 1.49, Title 14, CCR, is added to read:

1.49. Highly Migratory Species.

Highly migratory species means any of the following: albacore, bluefin, bigeye, and yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus spp.*); skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*); dorado (dolphinfish) (*Coryphaena hippurus*); striped marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*); thresher sharks (common, pelagic, and bigeye) (*Alopias spp*); shortfin mako shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*); blue shark (*Prionace glauca*); and Pacific swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*).

NOTE:

Authority: Section 205, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, and 215, Fish and Game Code.

Subsection 27.82(a), Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

27.82. Management Areas Defined; Closure Periods Defined.

(a) Cowcod closure areas means both Area 1 and Area 2: Area 1 is an area south of Point Conception that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;

33°50' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;

32°20' N. lat., 118°50' W. long.;

~~32°20' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;~~

32°20' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;

~~33°00' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;~~

33°00' N. lat., 119°37' W. long.;

~~33°00' N. lat., 119°50' W. long.;~~

33°00' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;

~~33°30' N. lat., 119°50' W. long.;~~

33°33' N. lat., 119°53' W. long.;

~~33°30' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;~~

33°33' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;
33°50' N. lat., 119°30' W. long.;

and Area 2 is a smaller area west of San Diego that is bound by straight lines connecting the following points in the order listed:

32°40' N. lat., 118°00' W. long.;
32° 42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;
32°40' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;
32°42' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;
32°30' N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;
32°36' 42" N. lat., 117°50' W. long.;
32°30' N. lat., 117°53'30" W. long.;
32°30' N. lat., 118°00' W. long.;
32°30' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;
32°40' N. lat., 118°00' W. long.;
32°42' N. lat., 118°02' W. long.;

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 7071 and 8587.1, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, 206, 215, 221 and 8585.5, Fish and Game Code.

Section 27.83, Title 14, CCR, is added to read:

27.83. California Rockfish Conservation Area.

California Rockfish Conservation Area (CRCA) means ocean waters south of 40°10' N. lat. (near Cape Mendocino) to the U.S./Mexico International Border within the depth zones and areas specified in subsections (a)(1), (2), and (3).

(a) CRCA depth zones are as follows:

(1) From 40°10' N. lat., near Cape Mendocino south to Pt. Reyes (at 37°59' 44" N. lat.) the CRCA includes ocean waters 20 fathoms and deeper to the seaward waypoints specified in federal regulations (which equate to about 250 fathoms).

(2) From Pt. Reyes to the U.S.-Mexico border the CRCA includes ocean waters 20 fathoms and deeper to the seaward waypoints specified in federal regulations (which equate to about 150 fathoms).

(3) The CRCA includes the Cowcod Conservation Areas (see Subsection 27.82(a), Title 14, California Code of Regulations).

(b) Species Restrictions. Except as provided below, the take and possession of the following species is prohibited in the CRCA: all species of rockfish (*Sebastes spp.*), lingcod (*Ophiodon elongatus*), California scorpionfish (*Scorpaena guttata*), and ocean whitefish (*Caulolatilus princeps*) except that these species may be possessed aboard vessels transiting the area with no fishing gear in the water.

(c) Definitions.

(1) Highly migratory species are defined pursuant to Section 1.49, Title 14, CCR.

(2) Coastal pelagic species are defined pursuant to Section 1.39, Title 14, CCR.

(3) Salmon are defined pursuant to Section 1.73, Title 14, CCR.

(4) Squid jig means: a multi-pronged barbless hook with a 2-3 inch long, 1/4 to 3/4 inch thick, sometimes brightly-colored shank commonly used to catch coastal pelagic species.

(5) Downrigger means: a device used to deploy one or more fishing lines (via a spool, davit, main line, and terminal weight) each with a terminal hook or lure to a desired depth in the water column and that uses a clip to hold each fishing line in place until a fish takes the terminal hook or lure at which time the fishing line pulls free of the clip.

(6) No. 2 hook means: a fishing hook with a gap between the hook point and the shank at its closest point of 7/16 inch.

(7) Federal regulation means: the federal groundfish regulations that are found at 50 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) parts 600 and 660 or as amended through proposed and final rules and published in the Federal Register, and; the federal groundfish regulations published in the Federal Register as the annual specifications and management measures or as amended through inseason actions or corrections.

(d) Gear restrictions. Except as provided in subsection (e) below, the following fishing gear types or sizes are prohibited for use or possession aboard any vessel with one or more persons aboard taking fish under authority of a sport fishing license except that possession is allowed if the vessel is underway or transiting the CRCA with no gear in the water: all types of hook and line gear with more than one hook or lure and more than 6 ounces of weight attached.

(e) Gear type and species exceptions as they apply to the CRCA are as follows:

(1) When fishing for salmon, see Sections 27.80 and 28.65, Title 14, CCR.

(2) An additional hook (sliding or fixed) and downriggers with up to 5 pounds of weight may be used when trolling for species other than salmon.

(3) Up to 2 hooks and up to 1 pound of weight may be used when drifting for highly migratory species, California halibut, or yellowtail (*Seriola lalandi*).

(4) Up to 5 No. 2 or smaller hooks and up to 1 pound of weight may be used when fishing for sanddabs or coastal pelagic species through February 28, 2003, after which date up to 12 No. 2 or smaller hooks and up to 2 pounds of weight may be used.

(5) There is no limit of the number of squid jigs that may be used on a line.

(6) Fishing is allowed for California scorpionfish (sculpin) in waters less than 50 fathoms

in depth during the months of July and August in the area bound by the mainland shore, a line extending due south true from Point Fermin in Los Angeles County, and a line extending due west true from Newport South Jetty in Orange County (waters less than 50 fathoms deep in the area east of a line extending due south true from Point Fermin located at 33°42'30" N. lat., 118°17'30" W. long. and north of a line extending due west true from the Newport South Jetty located at 33°35'37" N. lat., 117°52'50" W. long.).

NOTE:

Authority: Section 205, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 202, and 215, Fish and Game Code.